

**EXECUTIVE ORDER**

**ESTABLISHING THE OPERATIONS COORDINATING BOARD  
WITHIN THE STRUCTURE OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL**

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes, and as President of the United States, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. (a) In order to provide for the integrated implementation of Presidential security policies among the several departments, there is hereby established an Operations Coordinating Board hereinafter referred to as the Board, which shall report to the National Security Council.

(b) The Board shall have as members the following: (1) The Undersecretary of State, who shall represent the Secretary of State and shall be the chairman of the Board, (2) the Deputy Secretary of Defense, who shall represent the Secretary of Defense, (3) the Director of the Foreign Operations Administration, (4) the Director of ~~the~~ Central Intelligence ~~Agency~~, and (5) a representative of the President to be designated by the President. Each head of agency referred to in items (1) to (4), inclusive, in this section 1 (b) may, with the concurrence of the other agencies represented on the Board, provide for an alternate member who shall serve as a member of the Board in lieu of the regular member representing the agency concerned when such regular member is for reasons beyond his control unable to attend any meeting of the Board; and any alternate member shall while serving as such have in all respects the same status as a member of the Board as does the regular member in lieu of whom he serves.

(c) Subject to the approval of the Board, the head of any agency to which from time to time the President assigns responsibilities for the implementation of national security policies, shall assign a representative to serve on the Board when the Board is dealing with subjects bearing directly upon the responsibilities of such head. Each such representative shall be an Under Secretary or corresponding official and when so serving such representative shall have the same status on the Board as the members provided for in Section 1(b) hereof.

(d) The Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs may attend any meeting of the Board. The Director of the United States Information Agency shall advise the Board at its request.

Section 2. (a) The National Security Council having recommended a national security policy and the President having approved, unless the President shall otherwise determine, the Board shall: (1) coordinate the interdepartmental aspects of the detailed operational plans developed by the departments to carry out the approved policy, (2) provide for the execution of each security action or project so that it shall make its full contribution to the particular climate of opinion the United States is seeking to achieve in the world, and (3) initiate new proposals for action within the framework of national security policies in response to opportunity and changes in the situation. Members of the Board will provide within their respective agencies for the timely and coordinated execution of policies within the sphere of the Board's responsibilities.

(b) In carrying out the duties set forth in Section 2(a) hereof, the Board shall: develop and provide for the assignment

of detailed operational planning responsibilities to its member departments and agencies, and from time to time make progress reports to the National Security Council with respect to the implementation thereof.

(c) The Board shall perform such other functions as the President may from time to time assign to it.

Section 3. There shall be under the Board an Executive Director," who shall be appointed by the President, and who shall receive such compensation as is authorized by law, but at no event at a rate in excess of \$16,000 per annum. The Executive Director shall: (1) subject to the approval of the Chairman of the Board, prepare the agenda for, and present material for discussion at, Board meetings, (2) appoint and fix the compensation, subject to the approval of the Board, and subject to the civil-service laws and the Classification Act of 1949, as amended, of necessary employees of the Board, and supervise the work of such employees, (3) maintain the flow of work to the Board, the standards of presentation, and the quality of the staff work, (4) prepare for the consideration of the Board reports on its activities to be made to the National Security Council, and (5) perform such other duties within the scope of this order as the Board may from time to time direct.

Section 4. Provision for fiscal support. (To be inserted by the Bureau of the Budget after consultation.)

Section 5. The Psychological Strategy Board shall be abolished not later than sixty days after the date of this order and its outstanding affairs shall be wound up by the Operations Coordinating Board.

Section 6. As used herein, the word "agency" may be construed to mean any instrumentality of the executive branch of the Government, including any executive department.

Section 7. Nothing within this order or the functions prescribed therein shall be construed as abrogating or restricting the executive, operational, or administrative authority vested in the Executive Departments or other constituent agencies.